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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, PROJECT IV-1.2:
PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION EXPERTS

1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER TO YURI
STEPANOVICH YARALOV, DIRECTOR, CENTRAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
ON THE THEORY AND HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE, STATE COMMITTEE
FOR CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURE, MOSCOW, WITH A
COPY TO KUVSHINNIKOV OF HYDROMET.

2. "DEAR MR. YARALOV: DURING ITS THIRD ANNUAL MEETING IN
WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER 1974 THE US-USSR JOINT WORKING GROUP
ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT ESTABLISHED A
WORK PROGRAM FOR 1975. THE PROGRAM INCLUDES A PROPOSAL FOR
RECIPROCAL VISITS BY SOVIET AND US SPECIALISTS UNDER JOINT
WORKING GROUP PROJECT IV-1.2, WHICH IS ENTITLED 'IMPROVEMENT
OF ENVIRONMENT WITH REGARD TO HISTORIC PLACES AND MONUMENTS.

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IT WAS AGREED AT THE NOVEMBER 1974 MEETING THAT EXCHANGES

BE ARRANGED IN 1975 TO EXPLORE TWO OF MANY SUBJECTS FOUND TO BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST DURING THE VISIT TO THE USSR IN MAY AND JUNE 1974 OF A TEAM OF HISTORIC PRESERVATIONISTS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DR. A. RUSSELL MORTENSEN, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION, US NATIONAL PARK SERVICE. THIS GOVERNMENT REGARDS THAT VISIT AS HAVING BEEN

OF GREAT VALUE AND SEEKS EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD ON PROGRESS TO DATE IN THIS FIELD.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP'S 1975 WORK PROGRAM IT IS THEREFORE OUR PLEASURE TO PROPOSE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THE TWO FOLLOWING EXCHANGES.

A. A VISIT TO THE USSR OF US SPECIALISTS TO FOCUS ON RESTORATION TECHNIQUES. THE US TEAM FOR THIS EXCHANGE COULD COMPRISE FOUR OR FIVE ARCHITECTS AND RESTORATION CRAFTSMEN UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE US HISTORIC PRESERVATION TEAM THAT VISITED THE USSR IN 1974. THE PURPOSE WOULD BE TO EXPLORE MORE EXTENSIVELY THAN WAS POSSIBLE IN 1974 THE RESTORATION WORKSHOPS AT MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD (PUSHKIN), AND TO VISIT FOR ONE WEEKEND THE RESTORATION WORKSHOP AT VLADIMIR-SUZDAL. MEMBERS OF THE 1974 US HISTORIC PRESERVATION TEAM BELIEVE THAT MUCH CAN BE LEARNED BY THE US THROUGH FURTHER EXPOSURE TO THE RESTORATION WORKSHOPS. I SUGGEST SEPTEMBER 3-17, 1975 FOR THIS VISIT.

B. A VISIT TO THE US OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO FOCUS ON ADAPTIVE PRESERVATION AND ON THE DESIGN OF MODERN FACILITIES FOR TOURISM AND INTERPRETATION WITHIN OR IN PROXIMITY TO HISTORIC QUARTERS. WE SUGGEST THAT THE SOVIET TEAM FOR THIS EXCHANGE MIGHT COMPRISE SEVERAL ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS REPRESENTING SUCH AGENCIES AS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE RESTORATION OF CULTURAL RESOURCES AND THE DESIGN OF TOURIST FACILITIES AT SUZDAL, A PROJECT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MARK A. ORLOV THAT PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED THE US HISTORIC PRESERVATION TEAM. THE ITINERARY MIGHT BE OF A TWO-WEEK DURATION AND COULD INCLUDE VISITS TO SUCH HISTORIC AREAS AS WILLIAMSBURG (A SIGNIFICANT EXAMPLE OF THE DESIGN

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OF TOURIST FACILITIES NEAR AN HISTORIC CITY), PHILADELPHIA (THE LOCATION OF INDEPENDENCE HALL AND ITS NEW VISITOR CENTER RELATING TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION), AND HARPERS FERRY (SITE OF THE US NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTER FOR INTERPRETIVE PLANNING). I PROPOSE SEPTEMBER 19 - OCTOBER 3, 1975 FOR THIS EXCHANGE VISIT.

IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM RECORDS OF THE NOVEMBER 1974

MEETING OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP THAT, AS A MEANS TO DEVELOP AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE THE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF PROJECT IV-1.2, AN OFFICIAL IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE WAS TO BE APPOINTED TO DIRECT THE MINISTRY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF THE IDENTITY OF THE OFFICIAL DESIGNATED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL FIND OUR PROPOSALS FOR EXCHANGES IN

1975 ACCEPTABLE. IN THE LIGHT OF TIME REQUIRED TO PREPARE ITINERARIES, MAY I ASK THAT YOU REPLY TO THESE PROPOSALS THROUGH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE LOOK FORWARD ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO THE CONTINUED FRUITFULNESS OF COOPERATIVE EFFORTS UNDER PROJECT IV-1.2 AS AN UNDERTAKING SPRINGING FROM THE 1972 AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. SINCERELY, ERNEST ALLEN CONNALLY, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (U.S. LEADER FOR PROJECT IV-1.2)." INGERSOLL

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